

Stonewall Jackson Memorial Fund
Repayable Scholarship Program
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To: Alabama High School Superintendents, Principals, and Guidance Counselors

The Stonewall Jackson Memorial Fund was established in 1955 by an act of the Alabama Legislature to "...memorialize that great American and Confederate general, 'Stonewall' Jackson, through a program of education..." consisting of essay contests and repayable scholarships. The fund is used to award several **repayable** scholarships each year. The scholarship functions as a repayable no-interest loan which must be repaid after graduation from college. One year after graduation recipients will be contacted to repay the scholarship amount under a scheduled repayment system set up by the individual.

In order to qualify applicants must submit an essay of 1,500 - 2,500 words on a topic or issue that relates to the life of Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. An *ANNOTATED* bibliography of sources must accompany the essay, but is not to be included in determining the length of the essay. Applicants must also submit an application form with necessary personal information.

Scholarship recipients are selected on the historical (80%) and literary (20%) quality of the essays. Historical quality criteria include historical accuracy, appropriate analysis and interpretation of the topic, historical context and perspective, and use of balanced and appropriate research sources. Literary quality criteria include originality, organization, grammar and spelling, and adherence to a standard citation format. **Plagiarized or copied essays will be disqualified.**

The scholarship evaluation committee will evaluate and rank the essays received and will award repayable scholarships of the following amounts: **1st place, \$3,000; 2nd place, \$2,000; and 3rd place, \$1,000.**

Repayable scholarship recipients will be announced in May 2014 and monetary awards will be made to the recipients' colleges upon verification of registration.

An application form is enclosed. Please copy and distribute this information to any students who might be interested in this program. The deadline for receiving applications is **April 1, 2014**. For further information, please contact: Stonewall Jackson Memorial Fund Scholarship, PO Box 300100, Montgomery AL 36130, or call 334-242-4364.